

As Airmen serving in the profession of arms, we realize and understand the importance of being organized. See page 2 for some tips.

First Look

SUM tour

This month's Single and Unaccompanied Members tour to the north side of the island takes place Saturday.

Departure is set for 9 a.m. and the expected return time is 4 p.m.

Sign up today by calling 2-4138/295-57-4138.

Celebrity concert

Keni Thomas and Cornbread perform beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Warrior Park outside the Top of the Rock Club.

The two-hour concert will feature movie star and country singer Keni Thomas and his rock band.

People are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs and purchase beverages at the TORC.

Skatepark opens

A new skatepark opened in the park by dorm T-310 across the street from the medical clinic.

Parents should ensure children wear the appropriate protective safety gear.

Future of the TORC

The Top of the Rock Club is not closing; it is, however, undergoing an organizational realignment that will help reduce costs while maintaining services for club members.

For more information, see next week's *Crossroads*.

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Response training

Members of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron conduct spill team response training July 15 in the Praia Bay area. Last week's training focused on recovery operations in the event of an oil spill in the bay. (Photo by Guido Melo)

UCI team visits in September

**By Capt. Melissa Waheibi
Chief, public affairs**

The bow is extended and tension swells as Team Lajes sights the bull's-eye in preparation for the unit compliance inspection beginning here Sept. 11.

A U.S. Air Forces in Europe UCI team will visit Lajes for 11 days to examine the base's procedures and conformity to Air Force regulations. It will be the first UCI since March of 2000, when the base fell under Air Combat Command.

"Team Lajes has been preparing for the upcoming UCI for months," said Col. Danny Leonard, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander. "We started last March with a small group of senior NCOs and officers and have been building steam ever since to ensure the base peaks in September."

Major command commanders use UCIs to assess compliance with established laws, directives and special-interest items as defined by senior Air Force leaders.

UCIs help MAJCOM and wing-level commanders provide sufficient oversight and prevent significant degradation or non-compliance in key mission areas. These inspections involve MAJCOM inspector generals and units being assessed.

Since UCIs evaluate a unit's compliance with core compliance areas, a unit's failure to comply could result in significant legal liabilities, penalties or significant mission impact.

MAJCOM IGs use ratings to describe the extent wings comply with compliance areas and special-interest items. UCIs involve a five-tier grading system: outstanding, excellent, satisfactory,

marginal and unsatisfactory.

"We are striving for the best possible rating on the UCI," said Colonel Leonard. "But more important than our score, we want to show USAFE that Lajes does things right, every day."

Knowing Lajes' mission, and how one's unit impacts that mission is key said Senior Master Sgt. Melvin Capers, superintendent of the wing's plans and programs.

"Know your responsibilities," Sergeant Capers said. "We must clearly be able to show we're completing tasks and accomplishing our mission based on established directives. Also, know what is expected during an inspection. Take time to review Air Force Instruction 90-201 and its USAFE supplement and take a look at past inspection reports. Contact MAJCOM representatives and speak with members in your units who've been through a UCI. Doing each of these should get you confidently ready for the UCI."

Communication is vital to preparation.

"Keep communicating with your commanders and unit UCI representatives to find out what's being done in your organization," said Sergeant Capers. "Some units are developing UCI initiatives and training sessions while others are sharing their best practices."

Although significant preparation is required, there's no reason to be intimidated.

"The Air Force core values represent our daily theme," Colonel Leonard said. "This is our opportunity to showcase it."



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Get Organized for Success!

As Airmen serving in the profession of arms, we realize and understand the importance of being organized — it could mean the difference between mission success and failure. Our nation depends on us to be ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere at a moment's notice. With the dynamic and unconventional nature of today's worldwide threat, we cannot afford to wait until after we're called to action to get organized — it could be too late!

Organization skills are critical to successful mission execution and also serve to reduce stress in our daily life. The fast-paced Air Force mission demands outstanding organization at every level. It helps us become more efficient and effective — on and off duty.

Workplace disorganization directly affects the mission and its impact can be catastrophic. Some effects of disorganization include Airmen deploying downrange without the right equipment, engines damaged by tools left behind, critical documents are lost, and valuable ideas are not captured — effects that put our Airmen at risk. Do your part to eliminate these symptoms; take time to get organized, pay attention to detail, develop a personal organization system, and always use your Wingman to back you up!

Your home can be a hotbed of disorganization and it can cost you time and money. Military members and their families experience first-hand the importance of keeping their critical documents like passports, wills, birth certificates, adoption papers, and marriage certificates safely stored and easily accessible — especially during a PCS or extended TDY. Your efforts will alleviate the burden of having to search for these in the midst of a stressful situation.

Being organized at home also means ensuring your finances are in order. Leave, extended TDY, and PCS moves often result in additional expenses — both planned and unplanned. Make sure you have a financial plan, keep accurate records, and set some money aside for the unexpected.

Whether a flight cancels, a car needs emergency repairs, or a wallet is stolen your efforts will inevitably pay dividends when you need it the most!

Edmund Burke said "good order is the foundation of all things." Lay a solid foundation professionally and personally by getting organized. It takes effort and perseverance, but in the long run, it will save us time, improve efficiency, and enable safe execution of the mission, as well as those things we enjoy while off duty. Head down the path to success — get organized!


General Doc Foglesong


Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman

"Bring Your G-String"

COMUSAFE honored for support of enlisted force

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Whether looking at Combat Education, the high-energy events of Project CHEER, or the countless quality of life initiatives we've enjoyed over the past 23 months, the total dedication and passionate concern U.S. Air Forces in Europe's commander has had for our enlisted Airmen and their families is readily apparent, said the USAFE command chief master sergeant recently.

"I don't know of another officer that has done more for our enlisted corps, and the entire Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant. "It's amazing once you drill down — both on a strategic and tactical level — what our commander has done to support the enlisted force under his command."

And, it's because of this support that the USAFE enlisted corps will bestow its highest honor on Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, when he's inducted into the command's Order of the Sword during a ceremony here Aug. 26.

Since taking the USAFE Flag in August 2003, General Foglesong's commitment to the development of the enlisted force has been evident, said Chief Coleman.

"Take Combat Education for instance; the number one reason young people enlist in the Air Force is to continue their education...knowing that it's often difficult for members (such as those who deploy and shift workers) to attend college classes, General Foglesong saw a need to institute this combat program to remove barriers that hinder the enlisted force from receiving a higher education," he said.

"Since the program's inception, nearly 50 percent of all college classes are taught during non-standard times throughout the command, and more than 15 percent of all classes are offered outside of traditional classroom locations. Now, college enrollments are up by more than 11 percent; I'd call that a success."

But, the focus on an enlisted education didn't stop with Combat Education. USAFE University, conceived and put into motion by General Foglesong, provides an umbrella for more than 600 educational courses and programs available to members

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Gary Colman

USAFE command
chief master sergeant

within the command, said Chief Coleman.

"The most fundamental service we provide to our Airmen is the opportunity to improve themselves professionally and personally — and General Foglesong understands this," said Chief Coleman.

"The prime directive of USAFE U. is to analytically focus on what we're doing in the USAFE education and training arena," said the chief. "The program generates career development learning experiences available at times and locations that meet Airmen's needs, enhances fulfillment of the command's combat program objectives and facilitates accomplishment of USAFE's mission. It not only benefits each USAFE member, but it enhances the command's overall mission."

Most of the programs that General Foglesong's implemented since taking command focus on year-round quality of life improvements. However, one program is designed specifically for the winter months; when family separation, inclement weather and holiday finances all add up to make life stressful.

Other combat and special interest programs have been extremely successful, and include;

Combat Intro/Exit

"At the tactical level, look at the program; it's designed to minimize the number of stops you have to make to in- and out-process a base and maximize your time on the job," he explained. "Virtual outprocessing has streamlined the

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permanent change of station process, eliminating 57 percent of office-stop requirements.

Combat Fitness

"It's a program implemented to focus on developing and maintaining a fitness routine that keeps you physically fit," Chief Coleman said. "USAFE is number one in the Air Force with fewest at risk and least required to test. Additionally, we have experienced a 30 percent increase in Fitness Center usage."

Combat Nighthawk

"This program lashed-up company grade officers with senior noncommissioned officers and NCOs for night immersion into areas out of their normal duties," the chief said. "The results for our CGOs was a better appreciation for roles/responsibilities, bonding, mentoring, and leadership."

Hidden Heroes

"Organizing volunteer efforts and providing a forum to where people/organizations with a need for help can reach out to one source for assistance is programs goal," he said. "It also allows for formal recognition of those wonderful superstars who give their valuable time to help those in need."

Project SMART

"While I'm reluctant to brag on our Safety Program/record," he said. "I'll

just say we're doing fantastic!"

Combat Touch

"Our chaplains are now out amongst our Airmen in an attempt to preempt the need to for members to go to the chapel," he explained. "General Foglesong has, as the chief of USAFE chaplains recently stated: "...given more to the chaplaincy than anyone to his knowledge in the history of the Air Force chaplaincy".

Combat Care

"For our families he has implemented a number of initiatives like Combat Care," he added. "It's a program that assures our family members are cared for when members are deployed."

Project Wizard

"It's an organized effort that has placed attention and dedicated resources to a vital area of our communities that surface at critical times in our lives," the chief said. "It has made them all noticeably more responsive to today's Air Force families with more computers, books, and learning resources."

Additionally, the general was concerned about child care.

"He engaged the services and personnel staffs to find efficiencies in our system to better accommodate this ever increasing need for our families," Chief Coleman added. "This resulted in new facilities on the books, increased staffing at some locations, and hours/schedules adjusted to meet the schedules of our military members."

"In short, he's an incredible leader who has done great things for our enlisted Airmen," said Chief Coleman. "He is clearly deserving of our highest honor."



U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong sits in the cockpit of an F-16 aircraft from Aviano Air Base, Italy as Air Force News video tapes a public announcement commercial for the Combat Care Program at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Desiree N. Palacios)



SUM dinner

People enjoy last month's Single and Unaccompanied Members, or SUM, dinner June 23. The chapel staff provides the monthly SUM dinner for U.S. civilians and military members who are either single or serving on unaccompanied tour at Lajes. As part of the Combat Touch initiative, squadrons take turns serving while the chapel provides the food. The next SUM dinner kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the base chapel's fellowship hall. (Photo by Kathy Shenkle)



Meet The New Commander

Maj. Julie A. Harmon
65th Mission Support Squadron

Hometown: Gainesville, Fla.

Previous assignment: Headquarters Third Air Force at RAF Mildenhall, U.K.

Job at previous assignment: Director, Manpower and Personnel Division

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? Getting to know the folks in my squadron and their families and making a positive difference in their lives.

What's the most rewarding part of being a commander? Recognizing the sacrifices, professionalism, expertise and teamwork it takes to get the Air Force mission accomplished and being an integral part of making it happen.

Goal(s) for the unit: Having a reputation for professionalism and expertise by taking outstanding care of our customers and the Lajes' community; instilling pride and esprit de corps in the 65th MSS team.

Hobbies: Collecting antique furniture, Middle Eastern style dancing and practicing the Alexander Technique.

What else do you want our readers to know about you? I value the opportunities, adventures and friendships the U.S. Air Force has afforded me. I jumped out of perfectly good Air Force aircraft at the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. I've lived and traveled throughout Europe, the Middle East and the Caucasus. The Pacific region is next on my agenda!

Strong Patriot: Bringing people what they need

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
Crossroads editor

From transporting commissary and base exchange items to personally owned vehicles and household goods, new arrivals at Lajes can expect a regular shipment from the U.S. in the form of the Motor Vessel Strong Patriot.

This U.S. flag vessel is operated in support of the Azores contract, said Kevin Burns, director, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Detachment Azores.

"The Strong Patriot comes to the island

about every 25 days," Mr. Burns said. "It typically is in port at Praia for about 12 hours, has a 10-day crossing back to Newport News, Va., spends four days there loading, unloading, and undergoes maintenance and repairs, and then returns back to the island."

The ship brings about 800 tons of cargo on a typical voyage, transported in either 20 or 40-foot cargo containers, he explained.

"The cargo will be all the material required for the operation of the base and for the commissary and BX," he said. "For

the commissary, virtually everything except the fresh milk, meat and produce is carried aboard the ship. It also brings people's POVs and household goods."

Dependability and predictability are strong points of the Strong Patriot, Mr. Burns explained.

"Since June of 2000, the Strong Patriot has provided reliable scheduled service for Lajes Field," he said. "Its 25-day schedule is one that can be counted on for continued long-range planning."

The next Strong Patriot is scheduled to arrive on the island next week.

NATO orders now mandatory for those PCSing, going TDY

By Tech. Sgt.
Renee Kirkland
NCOIC, public affairs

As of July 1, Military personnel traveling on official orders to Europe must now carry an additional set of orders.

"All personnel traveling to a European base by way of Air Mobility Command aircraft need NATO orders," said Tech. Sgt. Jason Bairos, 65th Mission Support Squadron.

According to Tech. Sgt. Teresa Smothers, 65th Mission Support Squadron, this requirement also affects all personnel on temporary duty traveling to the continental United States or traveling

to another overseas base who will be returning to Lajes Field.

Those traveling as part of a permanent change of station move are also affected by the change.

NATO orders are not needed for personnel traveling on commercial aircraft, said Sergeant Smothers.

"NATO orders are authorized by the order authorizing official," said Sergeant Smothers. "The NATO order is a separate order and is used in conjunction with the original travel order."

For more information about this new requirement, contact your unit commander support staff.

Lajes Salutes...

ALS award winners, graduates

Way to go to the following Lajes Airman Leadership School Class 05-C award winners:

Levitow Award - **Staff Sgt. Johanna Kelly**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron;

Academic Achievement Award - **Staff Sgt. Cortney Ferguson**, 65th Communications Squadron;

Distinguished Graduate Award - **Staff Sgt. Jose Santana**, 65th Security Forces Squadron;

Leadership Award - **Staff Sgt. Christopher Summers**, 729th AMS.

Congratulations to the

other graduates of ALS Class 05-C: **Staff Sgt. Lisa Massie**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; as well as **Senior Airmen Willis Shivers**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Mark Culver**, 65th CS; **James Ellison**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; **Ramon Nuno**, 65th LRS; **Caleb Kelley**, 729th AMS; **Kevin Sinden**, 65th CES; **Maurice Chaney**, 65th SFS; **Jonathan Koller**, 65th LRS; **Joseph Perry**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Kevin Balch**, 65th CS; and **Angelina Davis**, 729th AMS. (Courtesy of the Lajes ALS)



Iraqis shouldering security burden, CJCS says

**By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service**

Iraqi forces are taking control of their own country, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said last week at the Foreign Press Center in Washington.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers said an Iraqi battalion has taken over from El Salvadoran forces in Diwaniyah, Iraq. This is the third area that Iraqi forces have taken over security responsibility. The others are in northern Baghdad and in Kirkuk. Diwaniyah is in the area commanded by Multinational Division Central South.

"This is significant because it demonstrates that yet another unit is capable of planning and executing and sustaining operations with some level of coalition support," General Myers said.

The chairman said that political progress in Iraq and Afghanistan will be decisive against the insurgency and the Taliban. He said he is encouraged by the progress Iraqis are making in writing their constitution - due

Aug. 15 - and the progress the Afghan government is making as assembly/provincial elections approach Sept. 18.

"It's my view it's the success of the political process that will defeat violent extremists in the end, not just in those two countries," General Myers said. "And the U.S. and its coalition partners are committed to seeing that that happens."

Time and again, General Myers reminded the reporters, that it is political progress that defeats insurgencies, not simple military force. The general said that military forces can provide the stability and security needed for political progress to happen.

In both countries, the United States, its allies and national forces anticipate an upswing in violence as these dates draw nearer. But, he said, it is clearly the will of the people in both countries that elections and the transition to democracy move forward.

"We're up against people who are creating crimes against civilization with no particular political goal for any particular coun-

try other than their view of life," the chairman said. "And there are not many people on this planet that can align with them."

He said the struggle is "totally not" about any particular religion. "This is about violent extremism, crimes against civilization, crimes against humanity that would not fit in any of our religions," he said.

In Iraq, drawing people into the political process is the way forward. Sunni Arabs stayed away from the Jan. 30 national election. They now realize that was a mistake and want to participate, said DoD officials.

The Shiia majority could have ignored the Sunnis and continued on, but they did not. Instead they have appointed Sunni leaders to help write the constitution and still others to advise the National Assembly. This will do much to calm the Arabs in the four provinces that make up the Sunni Triangle.

"As the people in those four provinces feel there is political progress being made and that they're part of it, and they have a vote," they will turn away from violent extremists, General Myers said.



Health check-up

[Above] Tech. Sgt. Joseph Leslie, 65th Medical Group, gives advice to Capt. Lisa Tauai, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, on the proper running shoes to wear as part of the 2nd Annual Health Fair July 13 in the community center. [Right] Staff Sgt. Sara Miller, 65th MDOS, checks the vital signs of Duarte Cardoso, 65th Communications Squadron. The free event featured information booths, fire department demonstrations, static displays, door prizes and food. (Photo by Guido Melo)





Making it better

George Nunes applies a sealant to the outside of the doors at Lajes High School Monday. Base schools are undergoing a variety of upgrades this summer to include the installation of new carpet, replacing of doors, locker renovations, and repainting. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

Military programs can ease pain of post-war trauma

**By Elaine Wilson
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Public Information
Office**

Army Spc. David Avila sings his favorite song, "La Bamba," to his son almost every night. It is not just the entertainment value; it is his way of conveying his wartime experiences to his son.

"La Bamba" sounds like boom in English, a sound Specialist Avila heard just about every night in Iraq. It is a sound he said he will never forget.

Specialist Avila deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, in February 2004 and went on his first convoy in April, a day after four American contractors were brutally beaten, killed and found hanging over a bridge. His convoy was bombed constantly, he said, but made it safely to Kuwait. It was just the first of many convoys for him.

"On a convoy, we would sleep under our trucks," he said. "You stop worrying about snakes and scorpions; you worry about an attack."

A month later, the attack came. Specialist Avila was a rear gunner on a convoy returning to Fallujah from Baghdad International Airport.

"A car kept coming in and hitting the back of the fuel truck," he said.

It was a suicide bomber. Moments later, Specialist Avila

heard a loud explosion and saw a cloud of smoke.

"My truck went sideways," he said. "I jumped off and checked on the Soldiers in the ... truck. I was standing in front of the car that hit the truck and heard an Iraqi on the ground screaming and pointing at the car."

Specialist Avila saw a woman's body hanging out of the back window.

"The car was on fire; I could feel my skin tighten from the heat," he said.

He dragged the screaming Iraqi away from the car.

"He was trying to tell me something, begging me," he said. "I looked inside the car and saw a baby engulfed in flames, an innocent child."

The image never left him. A few months later, Specialist Avila was sent home when an explosion at a Marine camp in Fallujah damaged the nerves in his right ear.

He may have left the battlefield, but Specialist Avila is unable to leave behind the images he saw. He is haunted by his thoughts and vivid nightmares, and startles at any sudden movements.

"I hear that baby screaming in my nightmares," Specialist Avila said. "It's too vivid, too clear. I still hear bombs going off at night. It's been a year; it should

be over but it doesn't go away."

Specialist Avila is one of the thousands of veterans haunted by war, and one of the 10 to 20 percent who will subsequently develop post-traumatic stress disorder. This is a psychiatric disorder that occurs after a life-threatening event such as personal assault, natural disaster or, as in Specialist Avila's case, military combat. The effects of the disorder can be debilitating with symptoms ranging from severe nightmares and flashbacks to insomnia and increasing social isolation.

In recent years, the focus for the military has been on the rising occurrences of combat-related disorders as more and more troops return from war, said Dr. Harry Howitt, a clinical psychologist and acting chief of the Community Behavioral Health Service.

"Combat is uniquely different from other types of PTSD," Dr. Howitt said. "Unlike most other traumas, combat doesn't end in a few hours or days; it goes on day after day after day."

It is common for service-members to deal with post-combat depression, insomnia, nightmares and family issues. However, it is the duration and intensity that differentiate normal reactions from PTSD.

"It's normal to be affected by combat," Dr. Howitt said. "It's

"... you can learn to deal with the emotions and gain control of your life again."

-- Dr. Harry Howitt
Clinical psychologist

when the nightmares become so vivid and horrible they wake the Soldier from sleep or the Soldier develops a profound anger that the symptoms become problematic. If these and other symptoms continue for six months, PTSD is a strong possibility."

Only time and distance from combat can help the healing process begin, but while war wounds can heal with time, the psychological effect will last much longer.

"Our brains don't have erasers; it's tape recorded forever," Dr. Howitt said. "But you can learn to deal with the emotions and gain control of your life again."

Above all, Dr. Howitt said people should seek help early.

"There are positive outcomes for (people) who ask for help," he said.



COMMENTARY

Focus on mission first, people always

By Col. Robert Hamm
380th Expeditionary Maintenance
Group commander

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP/N) — Over the years I've watched many leaders — officers, chiefs, NCOs, and Airmen alike — take our organization to ever higher levels of achievement.

Like you, I have studied those I considered to be outstanding leaders and I've watched others struggle with the challenges of leadership. But I learned from all of them.

Growing up in our Air Force, I found the greatest challenge was balancing the needs of the people with the needs of the mission. It seemed to me a leader was described as either a "people person" or a "mission-oriented person," but seldom did I see a leader who effectively balanced both — until I met Master Sgt. Kenneth Kelly.

Sergeant Kelly understood it was his job to make sure his shop was capable of performing its wartime tasks but just as importantly to ensure the welfare of the troops.

"Accomplishing the mission is the primary task of every military organization; everything else must be subordinate," according to AFPAM 36-2241, Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide. "However, a successful military leader recognizes that people perform the mission and that without their support, the unit will fail. Thus, meeting the needs of the people is a responsibility equal in importance to meeting the requirements of the mission."

Sergeant Kelly said it this way: "Mission first, people always." Sergeant Kelly balanced the needs of mission with the needs of people better than anyone I've ever known. Sergeant Kelly didn't confuse taking care of his troops with trying to make all the troops happy. Being a leader isn't about being popular. Given some of the things we're asked to do, it's not realistic to expect everyone to be happy all the time. In his mind, taking care of troops meant ensuring they were properly trained, healthy, properly equipped, held accountable to the highest standards, all the while making sure they understood our core values of integrity, excellence, and selflessness. He wasn't

easy on us. He challenged our team and didn't tolerate substandard performance.

As a young Airman, I never wanted to disappoint Sergeant Kelly. As a matter of fact, at the time, I didn't think he cared if we were happy or not. Incidentally, I was wrong on that one. But he was always honest, fair, and consistent. I knew what he expected from me and it was always made very clear to us when we didn't meet expectations. On the other hand, he made sure we were recognized for the outstanding work our team did.

Sergeant Kelly taught me that balancing the needs of the mission and the needs of our people isn't easy. It's an art developed over many years of experience.

Years later, back in the classroom, I read in Air University's guidelines for command: "... leadership requires hard work, enthusiasm for the job, and sensitivity to what's going on around you. You must set your standards high, be involved, listen, know what the problems are, remove the weak, promote the strong — and to do this well you've got to be tough."

It's just like Sergeant Kelly taught us. It's mission first and people always.



Commander's Line

Call 2-4240 or e-mail
actionline@lajes.af.mil.

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems - but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line.

Thank you!

Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing
commander



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Parking meters fill streets of Praia, Angra

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Like other major cities in the country, Praia da Vitoria and Angra do Heroismo have parking meters installed on most of their streets.

The streets that have parking meters are identified with a big white traffic sign with a blue square and a white "P."

People who park on one of these streets need to purchase a parking meter receipt from one of the nearest parking meters that covers the period of time they expect to be parked.

To purchase the receipt, drop the coins in the slot, press the green button and then wait for the receipt to appear in the opening below. The receipt should then be placed on top of the vehicle's dashboard so that it is visible.

Parking meter receipts need to be purchased only during the following days and times: from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

The parking meters will accept euro coins ranging from five-euro cents to two-euro coins. The meters will not provide change, so users need to make sure they have the right change.

People also need to ensure their vehicle is not parked past the time limit they purchased the receipt for. If someone needs to park extra time, they need to purchase another receipt and place it on top of the dashboard. If a vehicle is found with an expired receipt the owner will get a ticket and be fined between 30 and 150 euros.

People who find a parking ticket on the vehicle's windshield, either because of illegal parking or for not having a valid parking meter receipt, should call the 65th Security Forces Squadron's staff translator, Ms. São Santos, at 295-57-6177.

Parking fees

Parking fees are different for Praia and Angra. They are as follows:

In Praia:

- 30 minutes for 20 euro-cents
- 1 hour for 40 euro-cents
- 1 hour and 30 minutes for 75 euro-cents
- 2 hours for 1 euro
- 2 hours and 30 minutes for 1 euro, 25 euro-cents
- 3 hours for 1 euro, 50 euro-cents
- 3 hours and 30 minutes for 2 euros, 10 euro-cents
- 4 hours for 2 euros, 40 euro-cents

In Angra:

- 30 minutes for 25 cents
- 1 hour for 50 cents
- 1 hour and 30 minutes for 95 euro-cents
- 2 hours for 1 euro, 25 euro-cents
- 2 hours and 30 minutes for 1 euro, 55 euro-cents
- 3 hours for 1 euro, 80 euro-cents
- 3 hours and 30 minutes for 2 euros, 50 euro-cents
- 4 hours for 2 euros, 90 euro-cents



Abel Medeiros, a base employee, takes his receipt from a local parking meter. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Everyday Hero

Staff Sgt. Gregory Jones

65th Medical Operations Squadron

Duty title: Ambulance services medical technician

Job description: Provide emergency/urgent care for active-duty members and their dependents at Lajes Field

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

Time in the Air Force: 9 years

Spouse/children: Wife, Rachel; son, Gregory; and daughter, Naila

What's the best aspect of your job? Having the opportunity to "stand on the wall" while everyone else is sleeping

What are your career goals? Make a difference every day and apply to crosstrain into MEO next year

Best military experience: Being a

member of the Travis AFB Honor Guard

Life goal: Be a living testimony and let the life I live be a book I would want someone to read

One word to describe you: Different

Hobbies: Singing, music, joking laughing and cleaning

Favorite food(s): Anything with sugar or meat

Pet peeve: Being late

No one knows: I'm sensitive

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: A doctor or garbage man

The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is: Pay my tithes

Standings

Summer Basketball

Team	W	L	T
CES	3	1	0
SMAC	2	1	0
AMS	2	2	0
COMM	2	2	0
LRS	0	4	0

Intramural Softball

Team	W	L	T
CES #1	14	2	0
LRS	14	3	0
COMM	13	4	0
SFS	10	7	0
AMS	11	8	0
SMAC	7	10	0
OSS	6	12	0
CES #2	3	14	0
Med Gp	0	18	0

Co-ed Softball

Team	W	L	T
CES	4	1	1
LRS	3	3	0
Med Gp	1	4	1

Intramural Golf

Team	W	L	T
COMM #1	7	0	0
OSS	5	1	1
CES	5	2	0
LRS	4	3	0
SMAC	2	3	2
AMS	2	5	0
COMM #2	1	5	1
Med Gp	0	7	0

Intramural Soccer

Team	W	L	T
LRS	5	2	1
CES	5	2	0
OSS/SMAC	4	2	1

Intramural Horseshoes

Team	W	L	T
COMM #1	4	1	1
CES	3	2	0
SMAC	3	2	0
COMM #2	0	5	0

Note: For further updates, visit <http://eteamz.com/bomdia>.

Timeout

HCAC meeting

The next Heath Care Advisory Council meeting is set for 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the base chapel. The HCAC provides an opportunity for beneficiaries to speak directly to health care professionals about current health care issues, policies, procedures and programs.

For more information, call Capt. Angela Thompson at 2-3013.



[From left to right] David McQuistan, Aaron Simmons and Wade Penry from the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron try on the new Air Force physical training uniform Tuesday in the military clothing sales store. (Photo by 1st Lt. Aaron Wiley)

New PT uniform is here

By 1st Lt. Aaron Wiley
Deputy, public affairs

The official Air Force physical training uniform hit the shelves here in June and is being donned by Airmen at squadron PT programs around base.

The reflective navy blue and silver sweat suit, shorts and gray shirt will become the mandatory Air Force PT gear for all Airmen in 2006.

"There's currently no mandatory wear date, but once Airmen have all been paid for them, (which should happen by) October 1, 2005, and sufficient quantities are available for each Airman, commanders may make them mandatory for their squadron PT programs," said Lajes Command Chief Master Sgt. Cathi Durick. "I wouldn't expect that to happen for about a year. (However,) PT uniforms are official Air Force uniforms and are authorized for wear."

PT uniforms are available for purchase at the Lajes Military Clothing Sales Store in Bldg. T-400 across from the base pool.

"Most sizes have already arrived," said Leonor Avila, MCSS supervisor, "But I'd encourage people not to wait until the last minute to come in and buy them because it can take up to 150 days to receive a back ordered item."

She said her store isn't like other MCS stores where they can call another store close by and ask them to drive a needed item over.

The store also needs folks to begin purchasing the uniforms so they can re-order sizes that are needed, well in advance.

"If Airmen have already been paid to purchase the uniforms, they should pursue purchasing the pieces they need to complete a uniform," Chief Durick said. "The increase was in their yearly clothing allowance, an increase of about \$125. I recommend not waiting until

the MCSS has the entire set in your size before getting what you need. Pick up what you need when you can and the MCSS will replenish the shelves as required."

According to Ms. Avila, a full uniform consisting of a jacket, sweat pants, one shirt and one pair of shorts costs \$119.85. A set with three shirts and three pairs of shorts, enough to last a week without laundering, will cost \$162.15.

"Customers can use the Uniform Clothing Deferred Payment Plan by using their Star Card to purchase the uniform with no interest," Ms. Avila said.

"If you don't have a Star Card, you can apply for one at the customer service desk at the lower or upper base exchange," she said. "Then just bring in the paper they give you as well as your ID card and you'll be able to purchase a uniform with the UCDPP."

She also advised customers to try on the unisex uniform before purchasing one.

"They're sized like BDUs," she said. "They fit most women by following their BDU sizes. Some men have noticed that the shorts run a little small."

Like any official Air Force uniform, the PT uniform has a policy for regulating its wear.

According to Air Force officials, the intent of the policy is for wear of the PT uniform at all organized PT functions.

While any combination of PT uniform items may be worn together, such as jacket with T-shirt and shorts or T-shirt with shorts and or pants, no civilian clothing may be combined with them on or off duty.

White socks, ankle or calf length, must be

See PT uniform, page 10

Game Schedules

Intramural Softball

Monday

6 p.m. - AMS vs. SMAC
6 p.m. - COMM vs. SFS
7:10 p.m. - CES #2 vs. CES #1

Summer Basketball League

Monday

6 p.m. - COMM vs. AMS
7 p.m. - LRS vs. CES

Aug. 1

6 p.m. - SMAC vs. COMM
7 p.m. - CES vs. AMS

Aug. 8

6 p.m. - LRS vs. SMAC
7 p.m. - COMM vs. CES

Aug. 15

6 p.m. - LRS vs. COMM
7 p.m. - SMAC vs. AMS

Aug. 22

6 p.m. - AMS vs. LRS
7 p.m. - CES vs. SMAC

Intramural Tennis

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. - COMM vs. CES

Co-ed Softball

Thursday

6 p.m. - Med Gp vs. LRS
7:10 p.m. - Ladies/Varsity vs. CES
Aug. 4
6 p.m. - LRS vs. CES
7:10 p.m. - Med Gp vs. Ladies/Varsity

Intramural Horseshoes

Monday

noon - COMM #1 vs. SMAC
Aug. 1
11 a.m. - SMAC vs. CES
noon - COMM #1 vs. COMM #2
Aug. 8
11 a.m. - COMM #2 vs. SMAC
noon - CES vs. COMM #1

Note: Schedules subject to change.
To see the latest updates, visit
<http://eteamz.com/bomdia>.



Ready for a plunge

Tony Lee of the 729th Air Mobility Squadron, surfaces after his introductory dive at the base pool July 9. The Aqua Knights of Atlantis, a local dive club, offered a "Discover Scuba" class to introduce the sport to those curious enough to try their sea legs. (Photo by Senior Airman Jacob McCarthy)

PT uniform

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worn and may include conservative trademark logos. Shoes must be a conservative color such as white, black or dark blue.

Hats are not required when performing PT activities, but if worn, major command commanders or Air Force component command-

ers will standardize style and wear policy.

Saluting is not required when performing PT activities, but is required when meeting others displaying appropriate rank and not performing PT activities, regardless of the uniform type.

Men must be clean shaven and everyone's hair must comply with the same standards followed while wearing BDUs.

For additional PT uniform wear guidance, see related article below.

PT uniform wear guidance explained

The chief of staff of the Air Force approved policy for wear of the official PT uniform in November 2004.

The intent of the policy is for wear of the PT uniform at all organized PT functions.

Any combination of new Air Force physical training uniform items may be worn together such as jacket with T-shirt and shorts or T-shirt with shorts and or pants.

The PT uniform items will not be worn with any civilian clothing.

T-shirt: Must be worn tucked into shorts. May wear short or long sleeve style AF shirt.

Warm-up suit: Jacket, when worn, will be at least half zipped. Hood will be stored and zipped when not worn. Pants, when worn, will be zipped at legs.

PT shorts: Navy blue or

black spandex shorts and leggings may be worn under PT shorts (full length leggings may be worn during cold weather periods).

Socks/shoes: White socks will be worn -- ankle or calf length. Small conservative trademark logos may be worn on socks. Shoes must be a conservative color such as white, black or dark blue.

Hats: Are not required when performing pt activities; however, if worn, MAJCOM commanders or AF component commanders will standardize style and wear policy.

Saluting: Not required when performing PT activities. Required when meeting individuals displaying appropriate rank and not performing PT activities, regardless of uniform type.

Hair: Must be neat and not allowed to hang loose below the collar; it will be tied back.

Reflective belts: Requirement for the wear of a reflective belt will be at the discretion of the installation commander.

Jewelry: Jewelry wear will follow normal uniform wear rules; keep safety in mind.

Body art standards apply (refer to 36-2903).

Funding: On Oct. 1, 2004, enlisted personnel started receiving an initial increase in their annual clothing replacement allowance to cover the cost of one running suit and two sets of shirt and shorts. On Oct. 1 of this year, the replacement allowance will be based on the established wear life of the uniform. Officers must purchase the uniform at their own expense. (Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center)

Timeout

Triathlon

Today is the last day to sign up for the Chace Fitness Center's triathlon, scheduled for Saturday beginning at the fitness center and ending at the base pool. Showtime is at 8:30 a.m.; the event begins at 9 a.m.

Teams will consist of three people. Each person will participate in one of three events to include a 5K run, 10K cycling or swimming four laps at the base pool.

To sign up or for more details, call Staff Sgt. Eric Ross at 2-2226.



PLANNER

Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun.-Thu.; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Frank's Franks: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Sat.

Oceanview Island Grill: Lunch 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sun. Specials, with fries or salad & drink: Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" 2-topping pizza; Wed., fried shrimp; Thu., 16" 1-topping pizza or taco salad; Fri., lasagna. Pizza specials only come with drinks.

Subway: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; noon-6 p.m. Sun.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m. Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets & specials: Mon., Southern buffet, traditional club sandwich, chef salad; Tue., Mexican buffet, rancho burger, chicken fajita salad; Wed., Italian buffet, meatball sub, chicken Caesar salad; family dinner buffet; Thu.,

Oriental buffet, beef stir-fry sandwich, mandarin chicken salad; 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, fish sandwich, tuna salad; Prime & Wine dinner; Hoof & Fin dinner special.

Chapel

Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Tue., Thu., Fri., 1st & 4th Wed.; 6 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Wed.

Tuesday

Charismatic prayer 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Protestant men's/women's lunch/study noon; Catholic choir practice 5 p.m.; Protestant youth bible study 5:30 p.m. T-1412A; traditional choir practice 6 p.m.; hand bell choir practice 7 p.m.

Thursday

Gospel choir practice 7 p.m.

Sunday

Protestant Celebration of Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.; Protestant traditional service 9 a.m.; Protestant Sunday school 10:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.;

Protestant Gospel service & fellowship noon; Protestant teens/youth 6 p.m.

Base services

Barber shop: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sat.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m. Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-midnight Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.

Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. & Portuguese holidays

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun., Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Library: 4-9 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Manicure shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

New Car Sales: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun.

PFCU: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Thrift shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon. & Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri. & 3rd Sat. of the month.

Vet clinic: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 1-7 p.m. 1st, 3rd Wed.

Youth & teen center: 3-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight Fri., Sat.



Today: 7 p.m. "The Longest Yard," rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, violence, language and drug references. Paul "Wrecking" Crewe was a revered football superstar back in his day, but that time has since faded. But when a messy drunk driving incident lands him in jail, Paul finds he was specifically requested by Warden Hazen, a duplicitous prison official well aware of Paul's athletic skills. Paul has been assigned the task of assembling a team of convicts, to square off in a big football game against the sadistic guards. **10 p.m. "Mindhunters,"** rated R for violence/strong graphic images, language and sexual content. On a remote island, the FBI has a training program for their psychological profiling division, called "Mindhunters", used to track down serial killers. The training goes horribly wrong, however, when a group of seven young agents discover that one of them is a serial killer, and is setting about slaying the others. Can the few that are left figure out who the killer is in time?

Saturday: 2 p.m., "Kicking and

Screaming" rated PG for thematic elements, language and some crude humor. Phil had to put up all his life with his overly competitive father, Buck. When Phil decides to coach his 10-year-old son's soccer team, he goes head-to-head for the league championship against Buck, who coaches his own young son on the preeminent team of the league. Old scores come into play as Phil and Buck find themselves going to extreme measures to win the championship trophy.

7 p.m. "Crash," rated R for language, sexual content and some violence. A Brentwood housewife and her DA husband. A Persian storeowner. Two police detectives, who are also lovers. A black television director and his wife. A Mexican locksmith. Two car-jackers. A rookie cop. A middle-aged Korean couple. They all live in Los Angeles and in the next 36 hours, they will all collide.

Sunday: 2 p.m., "Kicking And Screaming" 7 p.m., "The Longest Yard"

Wednesday: 7 p.m., "Crash"
Thursday: 7 p.m., "The Longest Yard"

Note: Movies and times shown are subject to change with little or no notice. For more information, call the base theater at 2-4100/295-57-4100.

AFN Sports *myafn.net*

Friday

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Chicago White Sox @ Cleveland Indians, 11 p.m.

AFN-Sports

Cycling: 2005 Tour de France - Stage 13, 6:30 p.m.

MLB: NY Yankees @ Boston Red Sox, 11 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: NY Yankees @ Boston Red Sox, 5 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Boxing: Friday Night Fights - Jason Litzau vs. John Nolasco, 1 a.m.

AFN-Sports

MLB: Texas Rangers @ Oakland Athletics, 8 p.m.

Indycar Series: Firestone Indy 200, 11 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic

MLS: Columbus Crew @ Chicago Fire, 11 a.m.
NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: New England 300, 6 p.m.

WNBA: Connecticut Sun @ Minnesota Lynx, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Trans-Am Series: Molson Indy Toronto, 8 p.m.

AFN-Sports

World Championship Boxing - 12-Round Middleweight Title (Undisputed): Bernard Hopkins vs. Jermain Taylor, 7 p.m.



EVENTS

Advertising deadline is Friday one week prior to publication.
E-mail announcements weekly in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

Street bullfights

Today: 6:30 p.m., Terreiro, Porto Judeu

Saturday: 6:30 p.m., Terreiro, Porto Judeu

Saturday: 6:30 p.m., Estrada 25 de Abril

Sunday: 6:30 p.m., Lajes main road

Sunday: 6:30 p.m., Santo Antonio, Porto Judeu

Sunday: 6:30 p.m., Raminho

Other local events

Photo exhibit: A World Press Photo Exhibit can be seen daily from 7 to 10 p.m. July 22-Aug. 11 at the cultural center in Angra. Admission is free.

Arts and crafts fair: An arts and crafts fair takes place at the marina in Praia from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. every Sunday through Aug. 28.

Base events

Couple's communication: A couple's communication seminar takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday and July 30 in the family support center. For more information, call 2-4138.

VA visit: Paul Pittman, a Veterans' Administration representative, will brief members on VA benefits from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 5 at the family support center. He will also take one-on-one appointments on the afternoon of Aug. 5 and all day Aug. 8. For more information or to sign up, call 2-4138.

Heartlink: Do you want to learn more about what it is like to be a part of the military? If you are a civilian spouse, you can join Heartlink and find out more about the Air Force. Enjoy a free "chicken Alcatraz" lunch and a cooking demonstration. You could win an Alcatraz pot along with other prizes. Meet new spouses, play games and come to have fun. Childcare certificates are available. Call the family support center at 2-4138 to sign up.

Education center

OU classes: Enrollments for Independent Directed Reading and internships for fall term are still open. The last day to enroll is Sept. 1. Enrollment for "Cur-

rent Problems in HR " is underway. The last day to add/drop this course is Aug. 8. For more details, call Jaclyn Kemp at 2-3171.

Volunteer/jobs

Bookkeeper: The thrift shop has a part-time bookkeeper position open. If interested, call 2-6371.

Services vacancies: The following positions are vacancies or anticipated vacancies within the 65th Services Squadron: life-guard, recreation aids and swimming instructor. To apply for any of these positions, visit the 65th SVS Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112. For more information, call the HRO staff at 2-5200.

Administrative volunteers: Lajes Elementary School is in need of administrative volunteers. If interested, call 2-3491. Volunteer opportunities are available during the summer as well as the upcoming school year.

Legal office volunteers: The 65th Air Base Wing Legal office is looking for volunteers to help answer phone calls and do light administration work. If interested, call 2-3546 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Bank job: Pentagon Federal Credit Union has a job opening for a branch service representative. Previous banking experience preferred. DEROS must be after December 2006. Apply at Bldg. T-202 or call 295-513-221 for more information.

Lunch monitors: Lajes schools have paid lunch monitor positions open. To apply, visit the elementary school office and pick up an application from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 2-3491.

Crossing guards: The elementary school needs adult volunteer crossing guards. Help is needed in the morning and afternoon during the times children are arriving and departing each school day. For more information, call the school at 2-6216.

Bus monitors: Lajes is looking for volunteer bus monitors for the upcoming school year. If interested, contact Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil or 2-1314.

Subs needed: Lajes high and elementary schools need substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Pick up applications at either school between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. week-

days. For more information, call Paula Carnley at 2-3491 or Lori McCoy at 2-4151.

Administrative assistant: TolTest, Inc. has an immediate opening for an administrative assistant. The job includes providing administrative support for a base project. The candidate must be able to work a full-time schedule with the ability to fulfill the duties of the position for the duration of the assignment (approximately 18 months). Interested persons should submit a resume and cover letter to: TolTest, Inc., c/o Human Resources, 1915 N. 12th Street, Toledo, OH 43624 or email: hr@toltest.com.

Miscellaneous

Furniture at AAFES: The Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Lajes will begin offering furniture to its customers every Saturday beginning this weekend. The warehouse in Bldg. T-800 (near the 65th Security Forces Squadron and OSI) will be open for furniture purchases from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Laura Meyer at 2-3209.

AFIT program: The National Reconnaissance Office is looking for candidates for the FY 2006 Air Force Institute of Technology program. There are no specific officer grade requirement for applying. For more information, e-mail m1a.df.safst-forcedvlp@pentagon.af.mil call DSN 898-2891 or (703) 808-2891.

School registration: Parents who haven't registered their children for the upcoming school year can do so now. For elementary school registration, call Cidalia Dias at 2-6216 and for middle/high school registration, call Stephen Kless at 2-4151.

First day of school: Elementary and middle/high school students begin Aug. 29; kindergartners begin Sept. 6; Sure Start students begin Sept. 19.

Drop boxes: Box top and food labels, which allow the elementary school to get free items, can now be dropped off at either the post office or the elementary school.

Extra parking: Extra school parking is available beside the school by the playing field near the youth center. Parents should park at this location and walk to pick up their children so

there isn't a traffic jam.

Meal program: Parents interested in the free/reduced price meal program for upcoming school year should e-mail Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil for an application. Parents who live off base should also e-mail Ms. Ross for a bus application, so the school can map out the bus routes. For more information, call 2-1314.

Selection board: The next undergraduate flying training selection board will convene Jan. 10, 2006. The board will review active-duty applications for pilot, navigator or air battle manager training. Officers born after April 1, 1976 and a TFCSD (total federal commissioned service to date) after April 1, 2001, who meet all other eligibility criteria can apply. Send completed application, postmarked by Nov. 23, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB Texas 78150-4733. For more information on application procedures, see AFI 36-2205 or call the 65th Mission Support Squadron's formal training element at 2-5203.

Closures

Hillside Lanes: The Hillside Lanes Bowling Center will be closed Aug. 2-15.

Classifieds

Submit ads via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

For Sale: Play train table with six plastic storage drawers underneath. Sells for \$150 but only asking \$100. Call Michelle at 295-549-771.

Large calico cat free to a good home. Very friendly, fixed, shots up to date and comes with litter box and food bowl. Call Michelle at 295-549-771.

For sale: 1989 Fiat Uno. Black sedan. 5-speed. In very good shape. One owner. Gets 65 miles per gallon. Asking \$850. Inspection passed and registered on base. Call 295-903-209.

PCS sale, everything must go: Two dehumidifiers, \$60 each. Microwave, \$35. Toaster oven, \$25, portable basketball hoop, \$20. DVD movies, \$7 each. Music CDs, \$5 each. Various household decorations/items, men and women's clothing. Call Michael at 295-543-332 or 2-6830.

For sale: 1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE. Good condition, AC, power everything, towing package. \$4,000 O.B.O. Call 295-549-676 or 961-172-071.

For sale: Klipsch center channel speaker, KSF-C5, in original box. 100 watts, 8 ohms, 24x7x7, black, 16 lbs. \$75. One recently sold on Ebay for \$95+shipping. Call Mike Nelson at 2-4259 or 295-549-229.